

DITCHING STAFF MAKES WASHINGTON CASE HOPELESS

OH, FOR PITCHERS WHY CAN THEY NOT FOR NINE INNINGS!

Washington Twirlers and Bad Infielding Letting
Enemy Accumulate Ridiculous Scores—Many
Scouts on the Road—Experiment at First.

By THOMAS S. RICE.

Two more games gone to Detroit, the first by 8 to 2, and the second by 5 to 2. Eight out of the last nine games have been lost by Washington and Manager Cantillon is still far behind on that prediction that his henchmen would win half the games at home.

Of all the poor exhibitions those of yesterday were the limit. Even Charley Jones fell off his perch and dropped a dear little fly that my little brother could have held when he was a substitute on the freshman team. The rest of the outfit was as Jones, except Altizer, who was more so. Davy was the limit. A poor relation looking for a touch couldn't slip him anything else but a fervid knock about the way he booted things around that way he booted by slaziers he should have cut down. It was very sad. When Davy makes an error in the early part of the game he keeps right on in the same specialty. Consistency is a jewel, but a display of such a jewel at short a la Altizer is vulgar and garish, and somebody should so inform the soldier.

Graham, our young southpaw from Oakland, Cal. has had a sore arm, and Manager Cantillon didn't know whether or not it had rounded into shape. After eight hits had been made off him in five innings he came to the conclusion that the wing was worse instead of better, and withdrew the hero. Gehring was put in for practice, and did well enough. He was hit four times in four innings, but held himself together, and no runs were made.

Charley Smith was the victim in the second game. He has also had a weak whip, and apparently still has it. He was soft in the first three innings, and mushy in the ninth.

Where, oh where, can an honest, hard-working ball team get a few twirlers who can go the distance? If ever a team was needed, they are needed now. Washington's batting and base running has increased to a marked degree, as has also the headwork in some departments, and runs are being made by the club now that would never have been made at any other period in the past three years. The team is even going so badly that the other fellows are rolling up scores that couldn't be beat with an ax. Dolf Decker, the genial and generous pitcher who can at least throw the con, and we would suggest that even that would be better than what is being done. Washington pitchers have shown lately.

Not an old twirler on the staff is going good, and nobody knows it better than Cantillon, and the pitchers themselves. Gehring is rounding to form, but the stunts he is doing are being blind him are enough to take the heart out of the youngster. Johnson seemed to wonder in the ninth inning why he almost a cinch but he will make good, but for a major league team to have to depend on two pitchers even when they had behind them teams far inferior to the present Washington aggregation in fielding, batting, and base running, but it happens to be the fall of the cards that every one of these has gone amiss just when they had a chance to make a reputation.

Still, what are you going to do about it? Every major league team with a winning pitcher is holding out to him like grime death. They are afraid of him without creating a riot. Imports from the minors must be nursed along before they can become consistent. The Sox, the Tigers, the Yankees, and the others are old major leaguers who have done well in the past, even when they had behind them teams far inferior to the present Washington aggregation in fielding, batting, and base running, but it happens to be the fall of the cards that every one of these has gone amiss just when they had a chance to make a reputation.

Although Detroit has taken five straight games from Washington, while the best Chicago Sox could do was score out of four, and the Yankees beat the Sox in this town willing to bet the Sox will finish the season behind Detroit. The Tigers have shown a comparatively easy tally many times. This display has been in violent contrast to the work Washington did against St. Louis. In both these series the home folk did some of the most lightning like work field that has ever been seen here, and the men who are falling down now were the very ones who were scintillating then. The Sox have been doing well in the past, even when they had behind them teams far inferior to the present Washington aggregation in fielding, batting, and base running, but it happens to be the fall of the cards that every one of these has gone amiss just when they had a chance to make a reputation.

Now, how different! Yesterday it was sometimes so long between outs that the fans roared in triumph when our brave boys squandered the first. For this reason it has been no trouble for the Tigers to cross the plate, and they have lost the game. The Sox really are. Unless their pitchers go wrong, the Sox will be right there at the end of the season, and our old friend Charley Hickman will eat a slice of world's championship money.

Jim Block turned up yesterday and caught the last five innings of the first game. He reached town at 1 o'clock in the afternoon and was playing by 3, so he hadn't the faintest idea of the signals or system, and had to act entirely on his judgment. Under these circumstances he did not do at all badly, and Cantillon thinks he will be able to plug up the hole left by the injury to Jack Warner.

Olmstead, the Topeka pitcher, is not coming to Washington, after all. Mike Kelley thought he had him on his staff, but Comiskey received a hot tip he was a comer, and beat Washington to him by half an hour.

By the way, speaking of Kelley reminds us that the Washington club is sparing no expense in trying to get good men, and it should receive credit for trying its best. Blankenship's traveling expenses to Idaho to get Johnson, and through the Western Association to look over other men, would be a big help to you or me, gentle reader, while another man had been touring the smaller leagues of the Pacific coast and Northwest. Schlafly was sent all through the Eastern League and into Canada, and Blankenship only returned on Friday from another tour through the South. In fact, it is doubtful if another club in the American League has spent so much coin in this way.

As a result of this expensive and extensive gumshoe work, the club roll in the spring will be long with youngsters.

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Labor Day Meet Growing in
Importance—Linden
Ambitious.

If energetic effort counts for anything, then the meet at Washington Grove, Md., on Labor Day will be a winner. Woodward Field, the scene of so many contests, is going through a complete transformation, time, labor, and money are being expended to put the track and field in superb order.

Manager Walter Foster is hustling to arrange several crackerjack relay races that will bring together well-matched teams and make themselves hair-raising. The 80-yard and one-mile runs will be leading events. A strong collection of notable spiked-shoe artists will be in the running. Gil Adams, Schmidt, Winlock, Talbot, Rutherford, Griffith, Hienkampe, and Stewart will make a good race in the distances.

Haskins to Run.
An exhibition mile by J. R. Haskins, University of Pennsylvania intercollegiate champion mile, will be one of the star stunts of the day. Haskins will be in fine shape to go for a track record, as he will perform the following Saturday at Jamestown in the A. A. U. senior track and field championship.

The novice sixty-yard dash will bring together a string of untitled neophytes, who usually make it interesting for each other and the spectators. The county relay for the Foster trophy will be hotly contested. Linden, last year's champion, will endeavor to place a second mortgage on the cup this year.

Both contestants to post a forfeit of \$250 with Harry Leap, until the signing of these agreements, said money to go as a forfeit to carry out all the provisions of this agreement. If either contestant engages in any battle after the signing of this agreement and is defeated, he is to forfeit \$250 as above mentioned, and the other provisions of this agreement will then become null and void.

If moving pictures are taken of the contest, the combined interests of the contestants shall be voted as a unit. This contest to take place not later than September 30, 1907.

If the parties to this agreement do not appear to an official race on or before August 10, then these articles shall become null and void.

W. F. BRITT (for Jimmy Britt).
It will be noticed that the agreement is not very binding, and the men are not required to accept the highest, or, indeed, any purse offered.

NATIONAL COMMISSION
LETS LEW WILTSE PLAY
CINCINNATI, Aug. 6.—The application of Lew Wiltse for reinstatement as an eligible ball player in order that he may obtain employment in some minor league has been granted by the National Commission under certain conditions.

Like Griffin and Bressler, recently temporarily reinstated, Wiltse must report regularly to the commission, which shall decide whether and when his conduct warrants permanent reinstatement.

Wiltse was in the Tri-State League, until recently classed as an outlaw organization, and being a contract jumper was unable to retain his position in that league and therefore was without occupation unless permitted to play with some minor organization.

Phillies Add High School Twirler.
Pitcher Harry R. Hoch, of Wilmington, has been bought by the Philadelphia Nationals for \$2,000. Hoch is principal of the Camden (Del.) High School. He will remain with the Quakers for the rest of the season.

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HOW JENNINGS TALKS IT OVER WITH HIS TEAM

Practical Advice After
Game Shows Next
Day—No Fool-
ishness.

DETROIT, Aug. 6.—No better man in baseball could be picked to lead a ball team in such a position as the Tigers now hold than Jennings. Despite that wide-eyed enthusiasm he shows on the coaching lines, he is coldly practical in the handling of his men after the contest is over.

There are quiet congratulations for the men who have done well and criticism as quiet and sincere for the men who have made mistakes. During a game he is the most excited man on the team apparently. After it is over, he is the quietest.

School of Instruction.
A trip to the clubhouse after a game in which the Tigers have participated is worth while to any follower of the game. It is a school of instruction. The players have become accustomed to listen while dressing as Jennings analyzes the entire game, picking out the turning points of the contest and showing the weaknesses of the opponents.

The teammates listen and are asked to think of it during the night. You'll find them around the corridors or at morning practice offering their own suggestions the next day. They have picked up each thread of Jennings' talk and worked it out to their own satisfaction. It has given them new ideas and they suggest them.

Makes Them Think.
That is the secret of Jennings' success in a large degree. He has the knack of getting his men to think all the time, on or off the field. Any one who thinks he is a fool, will be benefited in baseball more than in the one way. The player who studies his game deeply will seldom let overconfidence rule his play.

The Tiger leader knows the falling of men on top. He has been in as many, if not more, championship struggles that were engineered successfully, than any American League ball player. He knows when enthusiasm can be carried too far, and he knows when to pull it back.

That is why he calls his players together at their hotel and talks to them practically the whole evening something in this fashion:

His Line of Talk.
"We are winning," he says, "and we are on top. I know how you feel. But for the time being forget all that. Think only of the bitter fight we've got to go through yet. Our chances now are as good as any in the league. There's not a man on the team who is not game to the core. All we have to worry about, or at least the biggest thing to worry about, is to play tomorrow as though a world's title depended upon it. If we win, forget it and bank on winning the next. If we lose, the only way to get there. Remember there are three other clubs in the race for the championship. We must be right now as any of the leading teams."

Analostan Will
Meet Virginia
The Analostans are still game. Not a bit discouraged by its recent defeat at the hands of the Virginia Boat Club, the Washington club will again meet the winners at West Point on August 24.

Two factors will count in favor of the Washington boys this trip which handicapped them last week. Several of the members have just returned from their vacations and the new boat will be completed. At the races in Richmond one of the craft of the Virginia Boat Club was used.

OLDFIELD
TO RETIRE
FROM GAME
MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Aug. 4.—Barney Oldfield, the automobile racer and demon driver, is going to retire. Barney is getting old, he has confessed.

"I'm going to quit," he said. "It's on the square with me, and I ain't making farrow, four either. Now, I'm a confessed Oldfield, and I'm out for coin. Maybe I shock some of the people who think automobile racing should only be a gentleman's game, when I get right down to hard talk about money matters."

Barney's auto racing game started from start to finish. I was first in this country and now I am last. The game is dying out here. It costs the manufacturers too much to build expensive racing cars and to keep them on the road. The game is better than ever in Europe now, but I won't go over there. I'm getting pretty old and this season will be my last."

Oldfield says he will go to work selling automobiles.

BANNER SEASON FOR OARSMEN

All the Colleges Except
Georgetown Have Chosen
Coaches.

That college rowing will have a banner season next year is evident from the plans the different universities of the East are making for 1908.

Within the last week all the big institutions, with the possible exception of Georgetown, have settled upon their coaching staff and policy for the coming year. Unless at Georgetown, there will be change in coaches.

Although Charles Courtney, of Cornell, frequently rebels against the encroachments upon his authority and either resigns or threatens to, at regular intervals, he is still regarded as a permanent fixture.

It has just come to light that Courtney had serious trouble this year with some of the fraternity influences which tried to dictate the selection of varsity crews, and were consequently blamed for the narrow escape Cornell had from defeat at the hands of Columbia. It is rare that any fraternity can dictate at Yale, Princeton, or Pennsylvania, but it is a thing of frequent occurrence at Cornell.

Rice Still on His Job.
The Columbia students were so well pleased with the work of Jimmy Rice, whom they made rowing coach as an experiment, that they reappointed him the week following and raised his salary to dictate the selection of varsity crews, and were consequently blamed for the narrow escape Cornell had from defeat at the hands of Columbia. It is rare that any fraternity can dictate at Yale, Princeton, or Pennsylvania, but it is a thing of frequent occurrence at Cornell.

A matter that is causing Columbia rowing enthusiasts worry is the continual refusal of the authorities to sanction football. Football is the sport which pays the expenses of rowing and all other sports at the different universities. Rowing costs Columbia about \$14,000 more a year, and as there is no endue whatever from the crews, it will cause the Columbia management a good deal of hustling to raise this amount by subscription.

The University of Pennsylvania rowing committee has entrusted its fortunes once more to Ellis Ward, the veteran oarsman and coach, for three years. Ward has had some hard luck lately, but he rates nearly all of the 1907 crew.

Navy Sticks to Glendon.
At Annapolis they think properly that there is no one like Dick Glendon, who has coached the Navy for years. Glendon's crews have frequently beaten the best of the college eights at two miles, but this was the first opportunity his men ever had to measure their strength with the collegians at the Poughkeepsie regatta, where the Middies made a fine showing.

The Navy eight was on the outside and at the time the race was rowed their course was undoubtedly the worst of the seven.

Syracuse is satisfied with James Ten Eyck, although he has returned their year's varsity eight was one of the poorest that has represented Syracuse in a number of years, and when the boat shipped water during the first two miles, everybody knew that the crew was out of it.

Wisconsin Has Hopes.
Wisconsin will once more depend upon Ed Ten Eyck, son of the Syracuse coach. The Badgers were disappointed at the poor showing, which was worse than when Andy O'Dea was in charge. Wisconsin had a veteran crew and was expected to finish with the leaders. The Westerners, however, extracted satisfaction from the victory of the freshman eight, and as this crew was gotten together and coached entirely by Ten Eyck, it gives the Badgers hope for next year. Yale is as well satisfied with the work of John Kennedy as Cornell is with Courtney. Harvard will once more trust itself to James Wray. The Australian has not had a great deal of success at Harvard, having turned out but one winning varsity eight since he took the post.

Big Trio Disgruntled.
The attitude of the three leaders is that they formed the association, have kept it going and must continue to do so. They seem to feel that the other colleges have not given the proper assistance that they will always be at this regatta, although the other colleges have been quite as faithful as those represented on the board of stewards. Wisconsin and Syracuse, in particular, have made as good a showing as Columbia, and certainly deserve more consideration than they have received.

HARVARD ATHLETE DYING
BOSTON, Mass., Aug. 6.—Oliver Wadsworth Sheard, a former noted Harvard athlete and member of the law firm of Moore & Sheard, is lying at the McLean Hospital, Waverly, from a strange mental derangement caused by an accident while exercising in a gymnasium. Sheard has dwindled to a mere shadow of his former self, weighing only ninety-three pounds. His parents have taken quarters at the Hotel Bellevue to be within call when the end comes. Sheard was graduated in '95 and took his L.L.B. at the New York Law School.

HARVARD CHIRPS ABOUT NEXT FALL

Plenty of Football Ma-
terial and Crew
Veterans.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Aug. 6.—The outlook for a successful season at Harvard next fall is brighter than usual.

Only three regular men of last year's eleven and one substitute will be lost, leaving ten men who played in the last Yale game to form a nucleus next fall. There will be a fair amount of first-class and good second string material available. The center position will be cared for by Captain Parker, who has played in that position for three years. He will have an able substitute in H. B. Barney, who played two years ago. Other candidates will be C. J. Nourse, M. Dore, D. Plumb, and G. Hadden.

The loss of Kersburg at right guard will be seriously felt, but one of the many substitutes under Coach Crane's eye may develop into valuable material. It is expected that Waldo Pierce will return and hold down right tackle. At present there is no prominent man for left tackle. Warren and Philippar, or some of the guard candidates, may prove good men. There will be a fair number of good ends available next fall. Orr, Starr, MacDonald, and Kendall, of last year's team, will all be back.

Backfield Material Plentiful.
Unless Starr is moved back to quarterback, it will be difficult to find a good substitute for Newhall. Taylor, who was injured last year, is now a promising candidate. Back field material is plentiful. Wendell, who played fullback last year, will probably be shifted to halfback, where he played two years ago.

Prospects are good for next year's crew. Three men will be lost out of the eight, by graduation, and one out of the four. Farley's place at stroke will be the most difficult to fill satisfactorily. C. G. Bacon, the present stroke of the varsity four-oar, and his brother, F. C. Bacon, who this past season was stroke and captain of the freshman crew, will be the most likely candidates for the position. No. 4 will not be so difficult a place to fill. It is quite probable that only one preliminary race will be rowed before the Yale contest next year.

Washingtonians Entered in Regatta.
Washington will be represented in three events at the annual regatta of the National Association of Amateur Oarsmen, on Friday and Saturday, on the Schuylkill course. Joseph T. Daly will contest in the intermediate single sculls, and the Putnamers are entered in the intermediate eight and senior eight.

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